

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LUJÁN). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Charlotte N. Sweeney, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

VOTE ON SWEENEY NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Sweeney nomination?

Mrs. MURRAY. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI).

The result was announced—yeas 48, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 201 Ex.]

YEAS—48

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| Baldwin | Hassan | Padilla |
| Bennet | Heinrich | Peters |
| Blumenthal | Hickenlooper | Rosen |
| Booker | Hirono | Sanders |
| Brown | Kaine | Schatz |
| Cantwell | Kelly | Schumer |
| Cardin | King | Shaheen |
| Carper | Klobuchar | Sinema |
| Casey | Leahy | Smith |
| Collins | Lujan | Stabenow |
| Coons | Manchin | Tester |
| Cortez Masto | Markey | Warner |
| Duckworth | Menendez | Warnock |
| Durbin | Murphy | Warren |
| Feinstein | Murray | Whitehouse |
| Gillibrand | Ossoff | Wyden |

NAYS—46

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| Barrasso | Hagerty | Romney |
| Blackburn | Hawley | Rounds |
| Blunt | Hoeven | Rubio |
| Boozman | Hyde-Smith | Sasse |
| Braun | Inhofe | Scott (FL) |
| Burr | Johnson | Scott (SC) |
| Capito | Kennedy | Shelby |
| Cassidy | Lankford | Sullivan |
| Cotton | Lee | Thune |
| Cramer | Lummis | Tillis |
| Crapo | Marshall | Toomey |
| Daines | McConnell | Tuberville |
| Ernst | Moran | Wicker |
| Fischer | Paul | Young |
| Graham | Portman | |
| Grassley | Risch | |

NOT VOTING—6

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| Cornyn | Merkley | Reed |
| Cruz | Murkowski | Van Hollen |

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HICKENLOOPER). Under the previous

order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's actions.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 806, Sandra L. Thompson, of Maryland, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency for a term of five years.

Charles E. Schumer, Sherrod Brown, Tammy Duckworth, Tina Smith, Jacky Rosen, Chris Van Hollen, Elizabeth Warren, Robert Menendez, Christopher Murphy, Jeff Merkley, Thomas R. Carper, Patty Murray, Christopher A. Coons, Catherine Cortez Masto, Richard Blumenthal, Patrick J. Leahy, Mazie Hirono.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Sandra L. Thompson, of Maryland, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency for a term of five years, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 48, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 202 Ex.]

YEAS—48

| | | |
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| Baldwin | Heinrich | Peters |
| Bennet | Hickenlooper | Rosen |
| Blumenthal | Hirono | Rounds |
| Booker | Kaine | Sanders |
| Brown | Kelly | Schatz |
| Cantwell | King | Schumer |
| Cardin | Klobuchar | Shaheen |
| Carper | Leahy | Sinema |
| Casey | Lujan | Smith |
| Coons | Manchin | Stabenow |
| Cortez Masto | Markey | Tester |
| Duckworth | Menendez | Warner |
| Durbin | Murphy | Warnock |
| Feinstein | Murray | Warren |
| Gillibrand | Ossoff | Whitehouse |
| Hassan | Padilla | Wyden |

NAYS—46

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| Barrasso | Burr | Cramer |
| Blackburn | Capito | Crapo |
| Blunt | Cassidy | Daines |
| Boozman | Collins | Ernst |
| Braun | Cotton | Fischer |

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| Graham | Lummis | Scott (SC) |
| Grassley | Marshall | Shelby |
| Hagerty | McConnell | Sullivan |
| Hawley | Moran | Thune |
| Hoeven | Paul | Tillis |
| Hyde-Smith | Portman | Toomey |
| Inhofe | Risch | Tuberville |
| Johnson | Romney | Wicker |
| Kennedy | Rubio | Young |
| Lankford | Sasse | |
| Lee | Scott (FL) | |

NOT VOTING—6

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| Cornyn | Merkley | Reed |
| Cruz | Murkowski | Van Hollen |

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 48, the nays are 46.

The motion is agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

NOMINATION OF SANDRA L. THOMPSON

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to support Sandra Thompson's historic nomination to be the Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

Ms. Thompson is an exceptional nominee, with decades of experience in mortgage markets and Federal financial regulation.

Since June 2021, Ms. Thompson served as Acting Director at FHFA, where she has played a vital role in promoting access to mortgage credit, to overseeing and supervising Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the 11 Federal Home Loan Banks, and to protecting the safety and soundness of the housing finance system.

Before being designated as Acting Director, Ms. Thompson served for 8 years as a Deputy Director for the Division of Mission and Goals at FHFA, so she is clearly very qualified.

She spent 18 years at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. While there, she worked for seven different chairpersons, obviously, from both political parties and in senior-level positions.

She will be the first woman. She will, notably, be the first Black woman confirmed to lead FHFA.

For the first time, we have an administration and a Senate Banking and Housing Committee that understand how important it is to have economic leaders who reflect the country, who look like the country and think like the country—people who make it work.

She will join a growing list of experienced, talented Black women who have come through our committee—MARCIA FUDGE, who was my Congresswoman in Cleveland. She is now Secretary of HUD; Cecilia Rouse, Chair of the Council on Economic Advisers at the White House; Reta Jo Lewis, a CEO of the Export-Import Bank; Lisa Cook, first Black woman ever in 109 years—109 years, the first Black woman—at the Federal Reserve; Alanna McCargo; Alexia Latortue, just to name a few.

Ms. Thompson has proven she will work and she will listen to lenders, and consumers, and both sides of the aisle.

Before the pandemic, housing was too expensive and too hard to find, even before the pandemic. Whether you are looking to rent or to buy, FHFA has an important role to play in bringing